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SUBJECT: PSI: TURKISH PRESS STATEMENT ON PSI EXERCISE  
ANATOLIAN SUN 06

¶1. The Turkish MFA released an announcement on May 22, stating that the PSI exercise "Anatolian Sun" is not directed at any one country but an attempt to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. An informal Embassy translation is at para ¶2. (Comment: The MFA statement is an apparent reaction to the May 22 New York Times article on the exercise asserting it targets Iran among others. End comment.)

¶2. Begin text of MFA announcement:

"Our country will host an air-ground-maritime exercise called "Anatolian Sun- 2006" on May 24-26 within the framework of the Proliferation Security Initiative - PSI. Implementation of the exercise, which does not target any country, includes the use of firearms but aims at strengthening coordination between relevant authorities with third countries for non-proliferation of WMD, WMD delivery systems and other related materials. The decision to conduct the exercise was in 2005.

As it is known PSI is established in May 2003 in order to cover the deficiencies of existing international agreements, arms control regimes and national export control systems to prevent proliferation of WMD, WMD delivery systems and other related materials. Turkey announced its support to the Initiative in December 2003.

UN Security Council Resolution 1540 on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, adopted unanimously during the Council's meeting of April 28, 2004, provides the legal basis in international law for the PSI.

"Anatolian Sun 2006" exercise will take place in 2 stages.

Participants in the desktop stage of the exercise will join through their embassies in Ankara or through computer connections from their capitals. USA, France, and Portugal will participate in the second stage to be conducted in Antalya, and 31 countries will join as observers. The exercise will be open to press and press members will be able to watch.

Activities related to the exercise, which were launched almost one year ago, have been carried out by about 20 state institutions under coordination of Prime Ministry."

End text.

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